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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6918**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1290

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 4, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Older Youth Foster Care.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Avery

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **X FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that an individual who received foster care when the individual was less than 18 years of age may choose to receive older youth foster care until the individual reaches 21 years of age if the individual is: (1) working; (2) attending a vocational program; or (3) attending an educational program.

The bill also provides that the Division of Family Resources may implement a transitional services plan for an individual receiving older youth foster care. It amends the definition of certain foster care terms to include an individual receiving older youth foster care. The bill provides that restrictions on the number of individuals that can be supervised and cared for in a foster family home or a special needs foster family home include individuals receiving older youth foster care.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Department of Child Services (DCS) currently provides voluntary foster care to children between the ages of 18 and 21. Currently, children between the ages of 18 and 21 that received foster care before they turned 18 can elect to receive foster care at any time until they reach the age of 21. The costs of providing these additional services will come from the federal Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.

**Background Information:** The federal Chafee Foster Care Independence Program is a grant that provides funds for the following; (1) case management services, (2) \$3,000 room and board until the age of 21, (3) Medicaid funds until age 21, (4) Education training vouchers of \$5,000 per year until the age of 23, and (5) \$1,000 emancipation services until the age of 21. In FFY 2004, Indiana received \$2.1 M in CFCIP grant

funding to provide these services to foster children.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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